

Editing and Proofreading

For the meaning of a sentence to be clear, it is important that its modifiers are in the right place. A modifier put in the wrong place is called a misplaced modifier.

Example: The doctor prescribed a medication to a patient that was strong.

It seems that in the above sentence, the modifier "strong" is not in the right place. So, the sentence should be corrected as:

The doctor prescribed a medication that was strong to a patient.

PREVIEW

Underline the misplaced modifier in each sentence, and place it correctly.

1) The arm

2) Marisa

3) The chef prepared a delicious

4) Ronald showed that

5) The students were in

6) Grandpa read a story to the child that was scary.

7) Adam found a letter in the drawer that was old.

8) Lena made a cake for her friend with chocolate frosting.

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